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S. 1335

To require reports on the effectiveness and impacts of the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “WHTI Implementation
5 Monitoring Plan to Assure Continued Travel and Trade
6 Act of 2009” or the “IMPACTT Act of 2009”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) MAJOR BORDER CROSSINGS.—The term
10 “major border crossings” means the 16 land ports

1 of entry along the international land border between
2 the United States and Canada scheduled to be
3 equipped with RFID technology as of June 1, 2009.

4 (2) RFID.—The term “RFID” means radio-
5 frequency identification.

6 (3) WHTI.—The term “WHTI” means the
7 Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative required
8 under section 7209(b) of the Intelligence Reform
9 and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C.
10 1185 note).

11 **SEC. 3. REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WESTERN**
12 **HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 1, 2009,
14 and June 1, 2010, the Secretary of Homeland Security
15 and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit a report
16 to Congress that describes the implementation of WHTI,
17 with respect to the international land and maritime border
18 between the United States and Canada.

19 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-
20 section (a) shall include—

21 (1) a description of the effects on travel and
22 trade across the international land and maritime
23 border between the United States and Canada due
24 to the implementation of WHTI, including—

1 (A) an analysis of the economic impact of
2 WHTI;

3 (B) monthly figures for passenger and
4 freight border crossings; and

5 (C) the effects of WHTI, if any, on travel
6 delays at major border crossings;

7 (2) an accounting of the enrollment into fre-
8 quent traveler programs, including NEXUS and en-
9 rollment for passport cards;

10 (3) an analysis of the effectiveness of RFID
11 technology, including an analysis of RFID infra-
12 structure installation;

13 (4) United States Customs and Border Protec-
14 tion staffing levels along the international land and
15 maritime border between the United States and
16 Canada; and

17 (5) an analysis of the effect of WHTI on overall
18 border security along the international land and
19 maritime border between the United States and
20 Canada.

21 (c) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the
22 submission of each of the reports required under sub-
23 section (a), the Comptroller General of the United States
24 shall submit a report to Congress that describes—

25 (1) the economic impact of WHTI; and

- 1 (2) the effect of WHTI on overall border secu-
- 2 rity with respect to the international land and mari-
- 3 time border between the United States and Canada.

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